



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: In Minnesota, there are approximately 109,000 children who need treatment for serious emotional disturbances; and

WHEREAS: More than 224,000 Minnesota adults have serious mental illness; and

WHEREAS: Untreated mental illness can lead to unnecessary disability, unemployment, challenges in school, substance abuse, homelessness, incarceration, and suicide; and

WHEREAS: The economic cost of untreated mental illness is staggering, costing the United States more than 100 billion dollars each year; and

WHEREAS: A continuum of care is needed so that people receive the right mental health services at the right time; and

WHEREAS: With early and effective treatment, individuals with mental illness can recover and lead full, productive lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2015, as:

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 20th day of April.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE